

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: PREFERRED CARRIER SERVICES, INC.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-98-18 TF-03-494
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**ORDER GRANTING AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION, APPROVING TARIFF,
APPROVING CONCURRENCE IN MAPS, AND ISSUING CERTIFICATE**

(Issued November 25, 2003)

On September 29, 1998, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order in Docket No. TCU-98-18, approving Preferred Carrier Services, Inc.'s (PCS), application to provide telecommunications service in its listed exchanges. The order stated that a certificate would be issued when PCS obtained an approved tariff setting forth the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa and when PCS obtained approval of maps or other documentation which defined the service territory where PCS intended to provide service.

On October 3, 2003, PCS filed an amendment to its application which included current information regarding its company officers and financial statements. Iowa Code § 476.29(2) (2003) provides that a local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Board finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with the public interest." The Board has reviewed PCS's amended application and finds the necessary technical, financial, and managerial

abilities to provide local exchange service have been demonstrated. It is in the public interest to approve PCS's amended application.

On November 3, 2003, PCS filed a proposed local exchange tariff with the Board providing the terms, conditions, and rates for local exchange service in listed exchanges as described in the local exchange maps of Qwest Corporation (Qwest). The proposed tariff has been identified as Docket No. TF-03-494.

The Board has reviewed the proposed tariff and finds it substantially complies with Board rules for the filing and processing of tariff pages. The tariff contains rates for both business and residential customers. Notice was provided to all affected carriers. The Board will approve the tariff effective the date of this order.

Also on November 3, 2003, PCS stated that its service territory will mirror the service territory of the exchanges and service area maps of Qwest as they are currently filed and may be modified in the future. Iowa Code § 476.29(4) requires that each certificate define the service territory in which land-line local telephone service will be provided and authorizes the Board to promulgate rules establishing the requirements for filing maps showing the service territory. Subrule 199 IAC 22.20(3) requires that all utilities have maps on file with the Board that show exchange boundaries. The Board finds that PCS has complied with the statutory and rule requirements by concurring in the exchange maps of Qwest and will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity to PCS concurrent with this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The amendment to the application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Preferred Carrier Services, Inc., on October 31, 2003, and identified as Docket No. TCU-98-18, is approved.
2. The tariff filed by Preferred Carrier Services, Inc., on November 3, 2003, identified as Docket No. TF-03-494, is approved effective the date of this order.
3. Preferred Carrier Services, Inc.'s concurrence in the maps and boundaries of the exchanges of Qwest Corporation is approved.
4. A certificate, identified as Certificate No. 0274, is being issued to Preferred Carrier Services, Inc., concurrently with this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Sharon Mayer
Executive Secretary, Assistant to

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 25th day of November, 2003.